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Cosmo Members Ailing

If you learn of one our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Curt Whiteman, Memorial & Visitation Chair, 220-6833, whiteman@westmont.edu.

CHECKS FOR LUNCH AT ELK'S CLUB

Our hardworking ticket sellers would like to remind the membership that checks for the \$22 lunch are to be made payable to the Elks Club. In addition, to minimize long lines, they encourage people to have their checks prepared before reaching the ticket table

Website and Online Membership Roster

Don Chalfant and Jim Stubchaer have updated our online system. We now have a "public" and a "private" website. The "private" website is intended for use by Cosmopolitan Club members and includes an online membership roster that can be accessed with a password. The password will only be available to the membership and will be periodically revised to insure privacy.

An invitation to access the "private" website has been sent to all members with email addresses. It was followed with a separate email with the password.

The traditional printed roster has been printed and is available to members at the regularly scheduled meetings.

Dress Code

For Summer, the dress code is relaxed and jackets are not necessary.

Annual Dues

If you have not paid them already, your annual club dues of \$60 are now past due. Payments should be made by personal check payable to the Cosmopolitan Club. Checks may be deposited in the box on the luncheon ticket seller's table or sent by mail to: Cosmopolitan Club of Santa Barbara PO Box 3993 Santa Barbara, CA 93130-3993

NEXT MEETINGS

September 15, 2016

Art Sylvester and Libby Gans

Roadside Geology of So. California

Introduced by Charlie Greene



Arthur Sylvester is a native southern Californian, with degrees from Pomona College (BA) and UCLA (MA, PhD). He was a research geologist for Shell Development Company before joining UC Santa Barbara faculty in 1968. He has led more than 300 field trips throughout southern California where his academic research focused on structural, seismic, and igneous rock problems. He retired from active teaching

in 2003.

Libby O'Black Gans received her BS degree in geology from UC Santa Barbara. She was the first digital artist for the Dibblee Geological Foundation and is currently employed by Santa Barbara City College's Earth and Planetary Sciences Department.

UC Santa Barbara geologist, Arthur Sylvester, and illustrator Elizabeth O'Black Gans, will explore mountains, deserts, and coastlines in one of the most geologically diverse places on the planet. By motoring along southern California's vast network of highways with them and their new book, you'll learn that southern California has every type of rock, from rare plutonic and volcanic rocks to common sandstone and limestone, and from precious gemstones to giant quarries of sand and gravel. You can find every age of rock from 2.5 billion year old gneiss to moving sand dunes, and you can view the results of almost every geologic process from desert erosion to glaciation, ancient to recent volcanism, and giant prehistoric landslides to active earthquake faults. This illustrated talk also explains the complex geology and geologic history of the San Andreas fault, Joshua Tree National Park, the Channel Islands, the Salton Sea, the Mojave Desert, and the enigmatic Transverse Ranges.

October 6, 2016

Ken Oplinger, President/CEO, SB Chamber of Commerce

Thoughts on the Business Environment in the Santa Barbara Region

Introduced by Karl Hutterer

Ken Oplinger has led the SB Chamber since 2013 and has led chambers in in the Western US for 24 years. He holds degrees from Willamette University and the Institute for Organizational Management at UCLA and is an accredited Chamber Executive. He has led the Chamber Executives of Northern California and the Western Association of Chamber Executives and has been a leader in a bi-national coalition of business and industry to implement travel initiatives on the US/Canada border. The SB Chamber has 900 members, representing 250,000 residents and 50,000 jobs. The chamber's mission is to create a strong local economy, promote the community, provide networking opportunities and represent the interests of business with government. Ken works to forge consensus on regional transportation spending, community development and capital projects for school districts.



October 20, 2016

Vern Bengtson

Families and Faith

Introduced by Mead Northrop

WINE DRAWING



Bob Zimels conducted the wine drawing. John Jezek won a bottle of 2009 Turlulia Cellars Syrah

Steve Morgan received a bottle of 2012 Roth Estate Sauvignon Blanc

Warren Wentink was a recipient of a free lunch at the next Cosmo meeting. This drawing will be added regularly as a door prize as suggested by our Board of Directors.



Kent Cullen introduced our guests as follow:

- Tom Boehme, retired Professor –UCSB, hosted by Joe Szerwo
- Thomas Dunne, Professor – UCSB, hosted by William Berry
- John Traller, CPA and UCSB Professor, hosted Jim Gravitt
- Ed McGinn, Physician and Rheumatologist, hosted by Robert Logan
- George Minch, retired from Grumman Aircraft and Raytheon, hosted by Peter Kruse

REGULAR EVENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP

September 15th, 2016

Debating the Meaning of Federalism

Under the leadership of Jim Davis, members of Cosmo meet to discuss areas of mutual interest after the second regular monthly Cosmo meeting. Jim advises that until the video lectures on *The Great Debate* by Professor Pangle are finished the Group will meet twice a month as noted above. These sessions are held in the upstairs room immediately following our regular luncheon programs.

The 2016 Presidential election involves some major constitutional issues, ranging from separation of powers to a proposed amendment. It is timely to improve our understanding of how the Constitution was created, the arguments for and against federal power, and **The Great Debate** that illuminated the foundation of American government. The remaining topics to be discussed are as follow:

September 15 th	<i>Debating the Meaning of "Federalism"</i>
October 6 th	<i>The Madisonian Republic</i>
October 20 th	<i>The Argument over Representation</i>
November 3 rd	<i>Disputing Separation of Powers, Part 1</i>
November 8 th	<u><i>2016 Presidential Election</i></u>
November 17 th	<i>Disputing Separation of Powers, Part 2</i>
December 1 st	<i>The Supreme Court and Judicial Review</i>
January 5 th	<i>The Bill of Rights</i>

You are welcome to join the Discussion Group for these 30 minute video lectures by Professor Pangle, a political scientist, and the associated group discussion of the content of the lectures.

Jim suggests that while we are engaged in videos, it is a good time to develop other topics for presentation. He urges members of the discussion group to think about topics they would like to discuss and would like to lead a group discussion on that topic. He suggests the following topics for a future time:

The Law of Unintended Consequences

The Role of CO₂ in Life on Earth

BRIDGE

Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 pm. Chair Ed Loper, 967-8630, oliveloper@cox.net.



TENNIS

The tennis group plays doubles twice a week on a private court off Patterson Avenue starting at 7:45 am Thursdays and Fridays.. All tennis players are invited. Contact Harrison Stroud at (805) 653-5117 stroud@hotmail.com or Peter Kruse.



GOLF

Mondays, we usually meet at the Santa Barbara Golf Club, (Muni). Tee times most often begin at 10:15 am. Contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355 or rsinger916@aol.com by the prior Friday for your tee time. These outings are a great way to gain new members, so invite your friends. We also have games on



Wednesdays and Fridays at other area courses.

October 12, 2016

Buena Ventura Golf Course at 5882 Olivas Park Drive is the site of the next Cosmo's Golf Tournament. There will be four man teams with the team member's best score per Hole being the team's score. Coordinators of the Tournament are Bill Clothier and Nic Martinovich.

Fees of \$65 include cart, green fees, food and prize money. Send your check (\$65) made out to the Cosmopolitan Club c/o Ron Singer, 3375 Foothill #916, Carpinteria, CA. 93013

Contact Ron Singer to get on the mailing list. The website cosmogolfclubsb.com is up and running. New members may use it to register and for additional news

SPECIAL EVENTS

OCTOBER 11, 2016

PIPERS WINERY DIXIELAND JASS AND DINNER

Do not miss this opportunity to hear and dance to live traditional dixieland jass (yes "jass" not "jazz") and enjoy a BBQ dinner. The winery is located at the top of Rincon Mountain located 5 miles northeast of Carpinteria. Music commences at 1pm for your listening pleasure and continues to 4pm. A chicken and pulled pork dinner and dessert will be served at 4pm. Your admission includes wine and beer tasting; sodas and water will be furnished throughout the afternoon.

The dress is casual and attendees provide their own transportation. Member's guests are encouraged to attend. Carpooling is recommended. A map is available at our luncheons to guide to the Winery located at 6500 Casitas Pass Road. The cost is \$60/ person with a limit of 35, so make your reservations early and checks are due by September 15. Send your check payable to Cosmopolitan Club to Thore Edgren, 6545 Camino Venturoso, Goleta, Ca. 93117 or pay at club meeting.

LAST MEETING

September 1, 2016

Ticket sellers were John Calvert and Ray Stauffer, Punchbowl was ably handled by Jim Gravitt. The audio-visual team of Bob Weber, Jack Patterson and Orlando Ramires took care of the a/v electronics. Sargeantof-Arms for this meeting was Ken Wolf. Following our rendition of the National Anthem and pledge to the flag, Ken Working provided the invocation. Committee reports by Art Kvaas,

Ron Singer, Harvey Turner and Thore Edgren provided updates on the field trips and events for which you will find information elsewhere in the Crackers.

PROGRAM

Jefferson Litten

Community Choice Energy – The Pathway to Clean Energy



Chuck Curtis introduced Jefferson Litten, Director of Energy and Climate Programs at the Community Environmental Council of Santa Barbara. Litten administers CEC’s initiatives in renewable energy, sustainable transportation and energy efficiency. He leads CEC’s effort to bring Community Choice Energy to Santa Barbara and sits on the South County Energy Efficiency Partnership (SCEEP) sceep.org, a collaboration of government energy managers and local utilities to implement energy efficiency and to advocate for clean, cheaper local power.

Community Choice Energy collaborates with utilities to procure and buy several sources of energy, including solar and wind power. SoCal Electric and Pacific Gas and Electric are responsible for the transmission lines and deliverables. Community Choice does not replace PG&E or SCE; it is a not-for profit government agency which requires no additional taxes. The costs of energy are divided between generation and deliverable charges and the profits are retained locally. Santa Barbara County is not alone in

Community Choice.. Four California counties: Sonoma, Napa, San Mateo and Marin are successfully using this model

The benefits are: revenues stay local, choice and competition in generation, cleaner energy and local control of power. Local control includes rate setting, public/private partnerships and incentives for local renewable energy. Solar generation can give much better compensation to users than the utilities. Santa Barbara is at the end of the transmission lines – another reason to make generation local. Sonoma county paid off their loans in two years and saved \$50 million to create local jobs and reduce rates.

Santa Barbara County has allocated \$400 million for a feasibility evaluation and technical studies to end by 2017. Implementation planning and preparation for the launch of the energy program will follow. Three counties, Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo, are working together to move the Community Choice Energy program forward. Jeff Litten asked that we speak with our Santa Barbara City Council and County Supervisors to support the implementation of the program. The CEC program will be offered to all in Santa Barbara County including solar, geo-thermal, natural gas and opportunities for windpower in North County. The Lompoc wind project is included. The project is government subsidized.

There are several technological advancements which promise cleaner, cheaper energy. Battery packs in homes are a future possibility. The Tesla research has brought down the cost of batteries. Battery storage works well with the solar system and is another energy source in combination with solar and wind. The design of solar energy is making incremental advances each year. New technology will allow for more opportunities to put solar in different places. Most contracts have 20 – 30 year guarantees for solar panels and 10 year guarantees for inverters. There are no fuel costs for these sources. Community Choice will concentrate on residential and commercial programs in the three counties.